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1. IN FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSION WITH STATE COMMITTEE, EMBASSY WAS AGAIN IMPRESSED BY FACT THAT SOVIETS VERY EAGER TO CONTINUE THIS EXCHANGE. AT SAME TIME, FORMAL INVITATION--WHICH PIERCE LETTER WILL PROVIDE--IS NECESSARY TO GET THEIR PLANNING FORMALLY UNDER WAY.

2. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT AFTER RETURN SOVIET DELGATION THERE WILL BE RELATIVELY LITTLE FOR US TO GAIN IN REPEATING THIS TYPE OF DELEGATION EXCHANGE. INITIAL CONTACTS WILL HAVE STIMULATED AN EXCHANGE OF ARTICLES, MATERIALS, AND PROFESSIONAL CONSULATIONS, AS IS APPROPRIATE. HOWEVER, BELIEVE FURTHER DELEGATION EXCHANGE WOULD NOT RPT NOT BE COST-EFFECTIVE. WE HOPE EXCHANGES OF MATERIALS AND COMMUNICATIONS WILL CONTINUE WITHOUT SUBSTANTIAL INVOLVEMENT OF EMBASSY OR DEPT.

3. IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN US CONTACT WITH AND IMPROVE UNDERSTANDING OF THIS IMPORTANT SECTOR OF SOVIET EDUCATION AND SOCIETY, AND TO PROVIDE AN AMERICAN EXAMPLE IN AN AREA WITH SCANT EXPOSURE TO THE WEST, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS A TRIAL EXCHANGE OF ONE
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LECTURER IN EACH DIRECTION BE EXPLORED. THE LENINGRAD INSTITUTE

WHICH SPECIALIZES IN METHODOLOGY OF VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND
TRAINS TEACHERS SEEMS THE BEST PLACEMENT IN USSR. THIS IDEA WAS
DISCUSSED INITIALLY DURING USDEL VISIT, AND IF DEPT AGREES
MIGHT BE PROPOSED FORMALLY TO SOVIETS WHILE IN U.S., POSSIBLE IN
CONNECTION WITH VISIT TO COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY WITH STRONG,
POTENTIAL COUNTERPART PROGRAM IN TRAINING OF TEACHERS IN TRADES.
ONE SEMESTER WOULD BE OPTIMUM PERIOD FOR LECTURESHIP.
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